

2010 MONTGOMERY COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The purpose of the Achievement Awards is to publicly recognize and honor innovative projects, activities and/or special achievements by Library Advisory Committees (LACs). The Achievement Awards are intended to inspire LACs to become more active and innovative in working on projects to benefit their libraries and communities, to acknowledge and encourage their colleagues, and to encourage LAC innovation and initiative throughout the County. The Achievement Awards are approved by the Library Board and are presented at a meeting of the Board and LACs.

FORMS

LAC Contact Information Cover Page
Application Forms for Awards
Samples of the winning award applications, 2009, 2008
Check List

AWARD APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) All applications must be typed.
- 2) Complete the LAC Contact Information Cover Page.
- 3) Check all of the applicable award categories for nomination on the Cover Page.
- 4) Review the attached samples of winning award applications from 2009 and 2008.
- 5) Include your LAC name on each page of the application.
- 6) Do not send any supporting materials – if submitted, they will not be returned.
- 7) Submit one electronic copy (or one hard copy) of the completed application to the address indicated below.
- 8) The MCPL Board is not responsible for partial or incomplete applications.

Submission Deadline for all Awards: Thursday, April 1, 2010

To:

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LAC CONTACT INFORMATION COVER PAGE

Library Advisory Committee information (Please type):

LIBRARY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

**LIBRARY
MANAGER:** _____

LIBRARY PHONE: _____

LAC Contact Person (Please type):

LAC CHAIR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Submitting information for the following Awards (please check all categories that apply):

___ ***LAC Membership Award*** – presented to the LAC which demonstrates effective member recruitment and retention methods.

___ ***Renaissance Award*** – presented to the LAC which emerged after a period of difficulty or transition.

___ ***Member(s) of the Year Award*** – presented to the outstanding member(s) of LACs for their work during the year.

___ ***Library Board Liaison's Award*** – Presented to the individual(s) and their LACs who exemplify the ideal Liaison relationship.

___ ***Eleanor Ablard Award*** – presented to the LAC with the most effective program linking the LAC, the library and its community of users.

Print Name of Person Submitting Application

Signature of Person Submitting Application

Date

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CHECK LIST

___ LAC Contact Information Cover Page

___ Application form for each award submission

___ LAC Name on all pages of the application

___ One electronic copy (or one hard copy) of each completed application package

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LAC MEMBERSHIP AWARD APPLICATION

The LAC Membership Award is presented to the LAC which demonstrates effective member recruitment and retention methods.

Directions:

Please type all responses.

Note the question for each response.

Please keep responses to a maximum of 1 (one) page per question.

Send one electronic copy (or one hard copy) of each completed application.

Indicate LAC name on each page of the application.

Questions:

- 1) Please indicate your current LAC membership total.
- 2) Please list the total number of members you elected between September 2008 and August 2009.
- 3) Were there any time periods between September 2008 and August 2009 that your LAC noted an increase in community interest which lead to an increase in membership?
- 4) Please describe the method(s) you used to recruit members in 2008-2009, and describe how and why the method(s) were particularly innovative.
- 5) Please note any comments from the LAC Chair or Library Manager regarding the increases and recruitment methods.

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RENAISSANCE AWARD APPLICATION

The Renaissance Award is presented to the LAC which emerged after a period of difficulty or transition to a level of high achievement, i.e., the LAC with the best "Come Back".

Directions:

Please type all responses.

Note the question for each response.

Please keep responses to a maximum of 1 (one) page per question.

Send one electronic copy (or one hard copy) of each completed application.

Indicate LAC name on each page of the application.

Questions:

- 1) Please describe issues that became a challenge for your LAC in 2008-2009 and how you used program events or activities to address them.
- 2) How did this challenge impact the LAC, Library or community at the time it occurred?
- 3) What were some of the main suggestions or solutions determined by the LAC?
- 4) Did the LAC partner with any other County groups to achieve the best solution?
- 5) Was there any media coverage of your Library or the issues concerning your challenge?
- 6) Please note any comments from the LAC Chair or the Library Manager.

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MEMBER(S) OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Member(s) of the Year Award is presented to the outstanding member(s) of the LACs for their outstanding work during the year.

Directions:

Please type all responses.

Note the question for each response.

Please keep responses to a maximum of 1 (one) page per question.

Send one electronic copy (or one hard copy) of each completed application.

Indicate LAC name on each page of the application.

Questions:

1) Please submit the name(s) of your LAC member nominee(s) and how long each served on the LAC.

2) In what capacity did or has the LAC member served the LAC, Library or Community?
(Please indicate a title or other role here)

3) Briefly describe the LAC member's activities and how he or she made an impact on the LAC, Library, or Community.

4) Please note any comments from the LAC Chair or Library Manager regarding your nominee(s).

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LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON AWARD

The Library Board Liaison Award is presented to the Liaison and the LAC who, in working cooperatively or effectively with the Board, exemplifies the ideal liaison relationship.

Directions:

Please type all responses.

Note the question for each response.

Please keep responses to a maximum of 1 (one) page per question.

Send one electronic copy (or one hard copy) of each completed application.

Indicate LAC name on each page of the application.

Questions:

- 1) What is the name of your LAC Library Board Liaison?
- 2) What particular challenge facing the Library Board captured their interest and how did he or she respond?
- 3) What did the LAC and Liaison learn from the experience?
- 4) What would your Liaison change based on the experience?
- 5) What would your LAC change based on the experience?
- 6) How can/should the Board change in response to this experience?

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ELEANOR ABLARD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Eleanor Ablard Award is presented to the LAC with the most effective program linking the LAC, the Library and its community of users.

Directions:

Please type all responses.

Note the question for each response.

Please keep responses to a maximum of 1 (one) page per question.

Send one electronic copy (or one hard copy) of each completed application.

Indicate LAC name on each page of the application.

Questions:

- 1) Did your LAC submit an application for the Eleanor Ablard Award last year?

- 2) Please indicate what program your LAC engaged in this past year September 2008 to August 2009.

- 3) In no more than one page, please show how the program, you indicated in question 2, linked your LAC, the Library and your community of users.

- 4) Please note any comments from the Library Manager regarding the program.

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2009 Eleanor Ablard Community Service Award – Poolesville LAC (SAMPLE)

1) Did your LAC submit an application for the Eleanor Ablard Award last year?

No.

2) Please indicate what program your LAC engaged in this past year September 2007 to August 2008.

Annual Poster Contest, March-April 2008 (Awards Ceremony held May 22nd).

3) In no more than one page, please show how the program you indicated in question 2 linked your LAC, the Library and your community of users.

The Poster Contest is an annual event sponsored by the Poolesville LAC with the goal of focusing attention on young readers. This contest is open to all children, Kindergarten through 5th grade, in the greater Poolesville and Western Montgomery County area, including those in public schools, private schools, and home-schooled. It begins with a theme, such as “My Favorite Book” (the theme of last year’s contest), “My Favorite Animal in a Book” (this year’s contest), “My Favorite Character in a Book,” “Places Books Have Taken Me,” and the like. The LAC prepares and distributes flyers to all of the schools and also to public gathering places like the library and local stores. Participating children may use poster board of any size, and there are no limits on what artistic material may be used to create a work of art based on the contest theme.

The LAC judges the entries (which usually number more than 50), and prizes in the form of gift cards are awarded to the winners, runners-up, and often one or more honorable mentions. All the posters were displayed on the walls and windows of the library for a few weeks before and after the awards ceremony. During the past two years the Poolesville LAC has been fortunate to enlist the support of State Senator Rob Garagiola to present the children with very impressive certificates along with their gift cards at a well-attended awards ceremony held in the Poolesville Library. At last year’s ceremony Senator Garagiola was joined by State Delegate Craig Rice and Montgomery County Council member Mike Knapp. The event was covered in all local newspapers and served to raise public awareness of the library and its value to children and families.

2008 Member of the Year Award – Erin Maddox of Damascus LAC (SAMPLE)

The Member(s) of the Year Award is presented to the outstanding member(s) of the LACs for their outstanding work during the year.

1) Please submit the name(s) of your LAC member nominee(s) and how long each served on the LAC.

Erin Maddox, member since 9/05

2) In what capacity did or has the LAC member served the LAC, Library or Community?
(Please indicate a title or other role here)

Teen member of the Damascus LAC

3) Briefly describe the LAC member's activities and how he or she made an impact on the LAC, Library, or Community.

As one of the few (if not only) teen LAC members in Montgomery County, Erin has been instrumental in providing the teen perspective when deciding on various programs and/or improvements in library functions. With her busy school schedule, Erin has attended nearly every LAC meeting and given input to the Library Manager on improvements to the Young Adult section of the library.

As a wheelchair user , Erin provided feedback to the library manager on disability access for wheelchair-bound patrons.

Erin worked with her Girl Scout troop to originate several annual programs at the library:

- 1) She helped created-a collection process for the Valentine Grams which are created every year by the Girl Scouts in Damascus for Library Lover's Month and sent to Mike Knapp at the County Council as a reminder of the library during the budget process. The Girl Scouts also make cards that are given to Damascus Library and hung in the Children's Area.**
- 2) She worked on several floats based on the theme for the Summer Reading Program which were used by the library during the Celebrate Damascus parade.**
- 3) This past November Erin created and implemented a Technology Petting Zoo, a type of information fair to familiarize the community with different types of technology, at the Damascus library. (See support materials for summary of the project). This event was planned with the idea that Damascus and/or any other library in Montgomery County could follow the procedures to hold a similar event in the future. This event was very well-received by the participants and included more than 15(??) volunteer presenters, 30 general volunteers and more than (??) 75 attendees .**

4) Please note any comments from the LAC Chair or Library Manager regarding your nominee(s).

Additional volunteer roles as the Teen Member of the Damascus Library Advisory Committee includes:

- ❑ Built “Jungle Hut”, “Tiki Roof” and created “vines” to decorate the children’s area for the Damascus Library Summer Reading Program.
- ❑ Attended the Gala for the new Rockville Library.
- ❑ Participates in hosting special events, like author talks, for the library.
- ❑ Built “Valentine House” for Damascus Library to promote *February is Library Lovers Month*.
- ❑ Participated in presenting our library’s concerns at a Montgomery County Library Board Meeting in March 2008.

Erin has spent over 232 hours volunteering for Damascus Library since 2005. Her hours can be broken down into three categories:

- ❑ Meetings and official LAC business events - 42 hours
- ❑ Floats, Valentines and special projects - 57 hours
- ❑ The Technology Petting Zoo event - 124 hours

This amounts to a significant contribution, especially for a busy teen.